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**LOUISIANA LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER**

Commercial red meat production in Louisiana during July totaled 1.3 million pounds, down 7 percent from June, and 19 percent below the previous year.

There were 1,700 head of **cattle** slaughtered during July, down 200 head from June, and 400 head below the previous year. Average live weight was 768 pounds, down 6 pounds from the previous month, and 42 pounds below July 1998. Total live weight at 1.31 million pounds, was down 10 percent from June, and 23 percent below July 1998.

**Calves** slaughtered during July totaled 1,100 head, unchanged from June, but 600 head below July 1998. Live weight averaged 485 pounds, down 5 pounds from June, but 22 pounds above a year ago. Total live weight at 533,000 million pounds was up 3 percent from June, but 33 percent below a year ago.

The number of **hogs** slaughtered during July totaled 2,300 head, down 300 head from June, but unchanged from July 1998. Average live weight was 207 pounds, down 1 pound from June, and 6 pounds below the previous year. Total live weight was 471,000 million pounds, down 12 percent from the previous month, and 5 percent below July 1998.

The total number of **sheep** slaughtered during July was 200 head, unchanged from both June and the previous year. Live weight averaged 77 pounds, down 15 pounds from the previous month, and 10 pounds below the previous year. #

**UNITED STATES LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER**

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.78 billion pounds in July, equaling the previous record high for July set in 1998.

July 1998 contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays. July 1999 contained 22 weekdays and 5 Saturdays.

**Comparing July 1999 with July 1998**

**Beef production**, at 2.26 billion pounds, was 2 percent above the previous year, and equaled the previous record high for July set in 1997. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.08 million head, up 1 percent from 1998. The average live weight was up 3 pounds from the previous year, at 1,206 pounds.

**Veal production** totaled 19.0 million pounds, 11 percent below the previous record low for July set a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 110,800 head, down 17 percent from July 1998. The average live weight was 19 pounds above last year, at 280 pounds.

**Pork production** totaled 1.49 billion pounds, down 3 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 7.91 million head, 4 percent below 1998. The average live weight was 4 pounds above the previous year, at 256 pounds.

**Lamb and mutton production**, at 17.0 million pounds, was down 3 percent from the previous record low set for July in 1998. Sheep slaughter totaled 265 thousand head, 6 percent below last year. The average live weight was 132 pounds, up 4 pounds from July a year ago.

January-July red meat production was 26.5 billion pounds, 3 percent higher than the comparable figure a year earlier. Accumulated beef production was 3 percent higher than last year, veal was down 14 percent, pork was up 3 percent, and lamb and mutton was down 7 percent. #

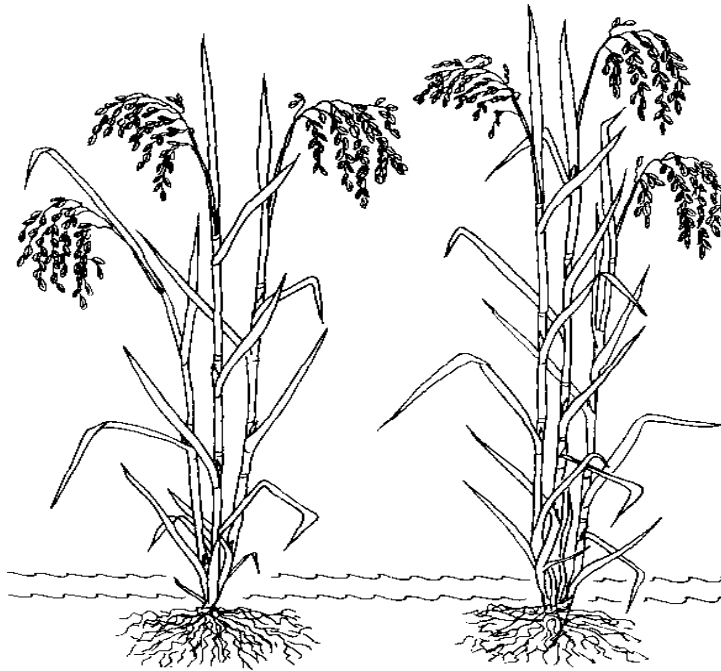
**COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER**

ITEM	LOUISIANA					UNITED STATES			
	June	July		Jan - July		July		Jan - July	
	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
	Number, thousand head					Number, thousand head			
Cattle	1.9	2.1	1.7	15.2	14.1	3,039.3	3,083.7	20,711.3	20,992.3
Calves	1.1	1.7	1.1	10.3	7.4	134.0	110.8	830.4	723.2
Hogs	2.6	2.3	2.3	21.6	21.3	8,269.7	7,909.6	56,673.5	57,772.4
Sheep & Lambs	0.2	0.2	0.2	1.8	1.7	281.4	265.0	2,245.1	2,104.8
	Total live weight, thousand pounds					Total live weight, thousand pounds			
Cattle	1,449	1,698	1,305	12,338	10,755	3,656,812	3,718,517	24,788,106	25,324,428
Calves	516	798	533	4,909	3,431	34,937	31,001	242,912	210,303
Hogs	535	496	471	4,582	4,552	2,084,434	2,026,243	14,513,086	14,950,585
Sheep & Lambs	20	20	17	191	178	35,923	34,918	303,138	282,606
	Average live weight, pounds					Average live weight, pounds			
Cattle	774	810	768	812	763	1,203	1,206	1,197	1,206
Calves	490	463	485	477	464	261	280	293	291
Hogs	208	213	207	212	214	252	256	256	259
Sheep & Lambs	92	87	77	106	105	128	132	135	134
	Million pounds					Million pounds			
Red meat, million	1.4	1.6	1.3	12.2	10.8	3,781	3,781	25,832	26,533

## U. S. RICE STOCKS DOWN

Rough rice stocks in all positions on August 1, 1999, totaled 16.6 million hundredweight (cwt.), down 21 percent from the total on August 1, 1998. Stocks held on farms totaled 1.56 million cwt., accounted for 9 percent of the total, with mills, and warehouses holding 91 percent of the stocks. Stocks of long grain totaled 10.9 million cwt., medium grain 5.02 million cwt., and short grain 644,000 cwt. August 1 rice stocks represent carryover from one marketing year to the next in all States except California, where the marketing year begins October 1.

Milled rice stocks on August 1 totaled 3.88 million cwt., 19 percent below the comparable figure for a year ago. Milled rice stocks were comprised of 3.05 million cwt. of whole kernel rice, and 831,000 cwt. of second heads, screenings and brewers rice. #



## UNITED STATES RICE STOCKS

DATE	On Farms or Farm Warehouses	In Mills and Attached Warehouses	In Warehouses not Attached to Mills	In Ports or In Transit	Total all Positions
<b>1 9 9 9</b>					
(Domestic Units - 1,000 CWT)					
<b><u>ROUGH RICE</u></b>					
March 1	22,290	9,745	47,409	806	80,250
August 1	1,560	5,470	9,432	118	16,580
<b><u>MILLED RICE</u></b>					
March 1	----	3,700	172	472	4,344
August 1	----	3,332	103	444	3,879

## PRICES RECEIVED INDEX UP 3 PERCENT

The All Farm Products Index of **Prices Received** in August was 98 based on 1990-92= 100, and mid-month August prices, up 3.2 percent from the preliminary July index. Price increases from July for milk, hogs, wheat, and corn more than offset price decreases for broilers, potatoes, oranges, and tomatoes. The seasonal changes in the mix of commodities farmers sell also affect the overall index. Higher seasonal marketings of tobacco, cattle, grapes, and sweet corn more than offset the relatively lower marketings of wheat, hay, milk, and broilers. These marketing changes contributed less than one point to the overall increase in the index.

Compared with August 1998, the All Farm Products Index was 3.0 percent lower. Price decreases from August 1998 for broilers, soybeans, milk, and lettuce more than offset price increases for cattle, peaches, calves, and turkeys. #

## PRICES PAID INDEX UNCHANGED

The August Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) was 116 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index was unchanged from July, and from August 1998. Since July, lower prices for feeder cattle, nitrogen fertilizers, feeder pigs, and complete feeds were offset by higher prices for diesel fuel, gasoline, feed grains, and building materials. #

## AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS

ITEM	LOUISIANA			UNITED STATES		
	ENTIRE MONTH		PRELIMINARY	ENTIRE MONTH		PRELIMINARY
	AUGUST	JULY	1/ AUGUST	AUGUST	JULY	1/ AUGUST
	1998	1999	1999	1998	1999	1999
	-----Dollars-----			-----Dollars-----		
Soybeans, per bushel	5.96	4.21	4.46	5.43	4.20	4.25
Rice, per cwt.	9.16	7.21	7.38	8.95	8.15	8.06
Upland Cotton, per pound	.655	.522	2/ .540	.662	.543	2/ .539
Hay, All, Baled, per ton	N/A	N/A	N/A	88.00	78.40	77.40
Beef Cattle, per cwt.	42.60	48.10	47.70	57.40	62.60	62.90
Steers & Heifers, per cwt.	58.90	71.90	71.00	59.70	65.20	65.60
Cows, per cwt.	33.00	35.80	34.00	34.20	37.70	37.00
Calves, per cwt.	68.20	85.30	83.00	76.90	89.20	89.00
Broilers, live, per pound	N/A	N/A	N/A	.468	.381	.362
Eggs All, per dozen	N/A	N/A	N/A	.650	.573	.590
All Milk, per cwt. 3/	16.20	14.90	15.10	15.50	13.70	14.90

1/Mid-month; 2/Based on sales during the first half of the month; 3/Before deductions for hauling and government withholdings. Includes bulk tank, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies. N/A = Not Available



**PEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES  
PERCENT OF ACRES RECEIVING PRACTICE,  
COTTON, 1998**

PRACTICE	REGION			UNITED STATES
	NORTH CENTRAL	SOUTH	WEST	1998
<b>Prevention Practices:</b>				
Tillage/etc. to manage pests	13	61	70	61
Remove or plow down crop residue	62	54	78	57
Clean implements after fieldwork	60	62	39	59
Water management practices	N/A	16	47	19
<b>Avoidance Practices:</b>				
Seed varieties with BT genes	1/	22	36	22
Adjust planting/harvesting dates	1/	24	35	25
Rotate crops to control pests	17	47	59	48
Genetically modified pathogen/nematode resistant	N/A	3	1/	3
<b>Monitoring Practices:</b>				
Scouted for pests	23	70	98	72
Records kept to track pests	12	51	87	53
Field mapping of weed problems	1/	9	42	12
Soil analysis to detect pests	N/A	25	32	25
Pheromones to monitor pests	28	56	31	53
Weather monitoring	1/	14	31	15
<b>Suppression Practices:</b>				
Seed varieties herbicide resistant	1/	37	1/	34
Scouting used to make decisions	1/	39	69	41
Biological pesticides	1/	13	19	14
Beneficial organisms	N/A	4	1/	5
Physical barriers	N/A	15	1/	14

1/ Insufficient reports to publish data. N/A = Not Available.

Regions														
North Central	IL,	IN,	IA,	KS,	MI,	MN,	MO,	NE,	ND,	OH,	SD,	WI		
South	AL,	AR,	FL,	GA,	KY,	LA,	MS,	NC,	OK,	SC,	TN,	TX,	VA,	WV
West	AZ,	CA,	CO,	IS,	MT,	NV,	NM,	OR,	UT,	WA,	WY			

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